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January Milk Production-Over 1 Billion Pounds!

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 1.016 billion pounds of milk during January, up 4.3 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. January milk production in Michigan was a new record and was the first time that dairy herds in Michigan produced more than 1 billion pounds of milk. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,310 pounds for January, 30 pounds above January 2020. The dairy herd was estimated at 440,000 head for January, up 13,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during January totaled 18.3 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from January 2020. December revised production, at 18.0 billion pounds, was up 2.6 percent from December 2019. The December revision represented a decrease of 74 million pounds or 0.4 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,049 pounds for January, 15 pounds above January 2020. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.93 million head, 92,000 head more than January 2020, and 6,000 head more than December 2020.

Milk Production – Michigan and 24 Selected States: January 2020 and 2021

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
Cows 1,000 Hd	427	440	8,837	8,929
Monthly rate per cow Pounds	2,280	2,310	2,034	2,049
Production Mil lbs	974	1,016	17,974	18,296